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- A. _____ is the master of the banquet
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- A. The first invitation is to trust in Jesus for the very first time
- B. The second invitation is to take your next step in becoming a disciple

Question #2: What are your _____?

- A. The excuses are outrageous because of what they're _____
- B. What excuse is holding you back from your next step with Jesus?

Question #3: Are you being a _____?

- A. You have been called to deliver the invitation to the great banquet
- B. Living out your faith gives you the *permission* to share your faith, but we must share the *reason* for our lives
- C. 1 Peter 3:15: "...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..."

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